

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2011 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 41** **Fall Announcement # 35, District 6 Commercial Period # 1** Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The projected fall chum salmon total run size, based on current assessment information, is between 900,000 and 1.0 million fish. This level of abundance is adequate to meet escapement and subsistence needs and provide for a commercial harvest. The estimated total number of fall chum salmon having entered the river through August 28, based on run reconstruction, is 915,000 fish, which is above the historical average of 557,000 for that date. The estimated total number of coho salmon having entered the river as of August 28, based on run reconstruction, is 123,000 fish, which is below the historical average 133,000 for that date. At this time, genetic samples support that there are an adequate number of fall chum salmon available from the Tanana River stocks to provide for escapement and subsistence needs, as well as support commercial harvest.

**District 6:** Commercial salmon fishing will be open for one 42-hour period from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 31 until 12:00 noon Sunday, September 2. This fishing period will be concurrent with subsistence and personal use fishing periods in District 6.

**Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they go fishing.** All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold".

Subsistence and personal use fishermen in District 6 are reminded that permits are required and the total harvest must be recorded on the permit at the time of harvest. Permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Fairbanks.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day toll-free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at

459-7274. This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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